

# HOUSE BILL No. 1055

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** None (noncode).

**Synopsis:** Child support pilot program. Requires the child support bureau to do the following: (1) Establish a pilot program in Lake County that allows a private organization to assist in collecting delinquent child support obligations. (2) Use guidelines established for state agency contracts to enter into a contract with a private organization to carry out the pilot program. (3) Pay the private organization a contingency fee not to exceed 25% of the total amount collected by the private organization during each quarter. (4) Report to the legislative council regarding the results of the pilot program.

**Effective:** July 1, 1998.

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January 6, 1998, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Policy, Ethics and Veterans Affairs.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning family law.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998] (a) As used in this  
2 SECTION, "bureau" refers to the child support bureau established  
3 under IC 12-17-2.  
4 (b) As used in this SECTION, "private organization" means a  
5 private organization with which the bureau contracts to provide  
6 services for a pilot program established under this SECTION.  
7 (c) The bureau shall establish a pilot program in a county having  
8 a population of more than four hundred thousand (400,000) but less  
9 than seven hundred thousand (700,000) that allows a private  
10 organization to assist in collecting delinquent child support  
11 obligations within the county.  
12 (d) The bureau shall enter into a contract for services with the  
13 private organization using guidelines established for state agency  
14 contracts under IC 5-22.  
15 (e) The private organization shall be paid a contingency fee of not  
16 more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the total child support  
17 collected each quarter by the private organization.  
18 (f) Funds from a child support enforcement revolving fund



1 established under IC 12-17-2-32 may be used to pay contingency fees  
2 under this SECTION.

3 (g) Not later than January 1, 2001, the bureau shall provide the  
4 legislative council with a report evaluating the effectiveness of the  
5 pilot program, including a comparison between:

6 (1) the percentage of child support collected in the:

7 (A) pilot county; and

8 (B) nonpilot counties; and

9 (2) the pilot county and nonpilot counties showing cost savings  
10 to:

11 (A) the county; and

12 (B) child support recipients;

13 if any.

14 (h) The general assembly may use the results of the evaluation  
15 described in subsection (g) to establish a statewide program for  
16 collecting delinquent child support obligations with the assistance of  
17 one (1) or more private organizations.

18 (i) This SECTION expires July 1, 2002.

